

Savannah State University
Savannah, Georgia

The One Hundred Sixty First
Commencement



Lux et Veritas

Saturday, December Fourteenth
Two Thousand Two

Ten O'Clock A. M.
Tiger Arena
Savannah State University

Order of Procession

The Chief Marshal

The Class Marshals

Candidates for Master's Degrees

Candidates for Baccalaureate Degrees

Faculty Emeriti

The Faculty

The Presidential Party

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The academic regalia, the academic procession, and the ceremonial program are part of an ancient tradition of learning. This tradition is a unified, solemn occasion at which only applause is appropriate.

The audience is asked to refrain from any other form of expression and to reserve celebrations until the program is concluded.

Order of Service

*Dr. Carlton E. Brown, President
Presiding*

PRELUDE "Largo" Handel
Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

*ACADEMIC PROCESSION "War March of the Priests" Felix Mendelssohn
Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

INVOCATION Reverend Michael Stamps
Pastor, Mt. Zion Baptist Church

Selection "Now Let Every Tongue Adore Thee" Bach
The Savannah State University Alumni Men's Glee Club
Co-directors, Lawrence Hutchins and Rose O. Smith

INTRODUCTION OF PLATFORM

GUESTS AND SPEAKER Dr. Carlton E. Brown

COMMENCEMENT ADDRESS The Honorable Barbara J. Mobley
State Representative, Georgia House District 69

Selection "Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Steffe-Wilhousky
The Savannah State Alumni Men's Glee Club

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE MASTER OF

PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION DEGREE Dr. George N. Williams
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE MASTER OF

SOCIAL WORK DEGREE Dr. George N. Williams
Dean of Graduate Studies and Research

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE MASTER OF SCIENCE

IN URBAN STUDIES DEGREE Dr. George N. Williams

CONFERRING OF MASTER'S DEGREES Dr. Carlton E. Brown
Assisted by Mr. Benjamin J. Allen, Registrar
and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities and
Chairman, Department of Mass Communications

INTRODUCTION

OF UNDERGRADUATE DEANS Dr. Joseph H. Silver, Sr.
Vice President for Academic Affairs

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES

FOR THE BACCALAUREATE DEGREE

College of Business Administration Dr. Mostafa H. Sarhan, Dean

College of Liberal Arts and Social Sciences Dr. Jane Gates, Dean

College of Sciences and Technology Dr. Kuppuswamy Jayaraman, Interim Dean

CONFERRING OF BACCALAUREATE DEGREES Dr. Carlton E. Brown
 Assisted by the Academic Deans,
 Mr. Benjamin J. Allen, Registrar
 and Dr. Charles J. Elmore, Professor of Humanities and
 Chairman, Department of Mass Communications

PRESIDENT'S CHARGE TO THE GRADUATES Dr. Carlton E. Brown

ALUMNI INDUCTION Dr. Percy A. Mack
 President, Savannah State University National Alumni Association

PRESENTATION OF NAVAL RESERVE OFFICERS
 TRAINING CORPS CANDIDATE
 FOR COMMISSIONING Captain Robert L. Ford

COMMISSIONING OF OFFICER
 Reading the Commissioning Document Dr. George N. Williams
 Dean, Graduate Studies and Sponsored Research
 and Faculty Representative to NROTC

Administering the Oath of Office Captain Robert L. Ford

ALMA MATER* Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

BENEDICTION Reverend Michael Stamps

RECESSIONAL**....."Pomp and Circumstance" Sir Edward Elgar
 Ms. Gwendolyn B. Taylor, Organist

Savannah State College Hymn

J. Randolph Fisher and Hillary Hatchett

Let us give thanks and praise to Thee
 To our Alma Mater, S.S.C.
 Thine honor, pride, and eminence,
 We raise in prayerful reverence.

Guide us still from day to day,
 Be Thou mindful lest we lose our way;
 Help us know that life, short or long,
 Means unceasing work for weak and strong.

Refrain

Where Savannah meets the sea,
 Where grassy plains and palms abound,
 Where the Flow'rs are gems of loveliness,
 There S.S.C. is found.
 We adore each beauteous scene and hall,
 Our all we pledge to Thee!
 In our hearts we'll build a shrine for Thee
 We hail Thee, S.S.C.!

*The audience is requested to stand.

**The audience is requested to sit and to remain seated until the recession has exited.

Master's Degrees Conferred

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

Master of Public Administration

Althea Adams-Sutton Savannah State University
JoAnn Garner Baird Savannah State University
Cleo Louise Baker Savannah State University
Patricia Johnson Clark Savannah State University
LaShone LaKisha Grimes Armstrong Atlantic State University
Deitra Othella Matthews Coker College
John Gachoya Nderito University of Nairobi
Phyllis LaSan Oliver Savannah State University
Shera Dianne Ramey Savannah State University
Victor Kevin Sheppard Armstrong Atlantic State University
Priscilla Ann Williams Northeastern University

Master of Social Work

!Kimberly Susan Miller-Parker Fayetteville State University

Master of Science in Urban Studies

Ruby Catherine Hall Savannah State University
Teah Latrell Jones Savannah State University
Robert Lee Speight, Jr. Savannah State University

Baccalaureate Degrees Conferred

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

Accounting

MeShun Allen Daniel Atlanta, Georgia
Kevin Graham Savannah, Georgia
**Richard Walter Griner Savannah, Georgia

*Christina Gwiazdzinski Richmond Hill, Georgia
 ***Anthony David Hensley Savannah, Georgia
 *Sherri Hieter Jones Savannah, Georgia
 *Katy A. Gnann-Noble Garden City, Georgia
 Melva Hunt Sharpe Savannah, Georgia
 Doris Roberts Valmont Savannah, Georgia
 Dana Nicole Williams Macon, Georgia
 Nicole Michelle Williams Savannah, Georgia

Computer Information Systems

Samantha Odetta Betton Miami, Florida
 Van B. Brannen, Jr. Savannah, Georgia
 *Kerri Earlene Davis Savannah, Georgia
 *DaQuanis Jameel Harvey Macon, Georgia
 Derrick Rena Hillery Savannah, Georgia
 Michael Edward Jones Savannah, Georgia
 Aneshia Lattá Lemon Wrightsville, Georgia
 Verlencia Genine Lester Hawkinsville, Georgia
 Tavanisha Akim Meriwether Columbus, Georgia
 !Aaron W. Morris Hilton Head, South Carolina
 *Wendell Levette Noble, Jr. Garden City, Georgia
 Gregory John Shields, Jr. New York, New York
 Donna Louise Watts Savannah, Georgia

Management

Nomi Sabriya Clarke Brooklyn, New York
 Bridget LaTaraer Johnson Covington, Georgia
 Jamie Lynn Mitchell Fairburn, Georgia
 Todd Hilliard Phillips Savannah, Georgia
 Julia L. Sanderford Atlanta, Georgia
 Bobby Scott II Savannah, Georgia
 Marques Corine Stevenson Augusta, Georgia
 Matthew Jason Stewart Moncks Corner, South Carolina

Natalie Marie Taylor	Perry, Georgia
*Chrissy Rochelle Terry	Athens, Georgia
Harold Dwayne Washington, Jr.	Cartersville, Georgia
Tamara Denise Wilson	Arlington, Tennessee

Marketing

Bridget Nicole Boles	Savannah, Georgia
***!Givonna Cheeks Brown	Fayetteville, South Carolina
ThuDung Nu Dang	Savannah, Georgia
Tonya Michelle Dukes	Decatur, Georgia
Passionate Shontiaya Fortson	Lizella, Georgia
Otis Jefferson	Timmonsville, Georgia
Ryan D. Stokeling	Perry, Georgia
Bryant Cornell Thomas	Covington, Georgia

COLLEGE OF LIBERAL ARTS AND SOCIAL SCIENCES

English, Language, and Literature

Lakecia Shantel Jackson	Macon, Georgia
*Sharon Thomas Kelsey	Savannah, Georgia
April N. Royal	Augusta, Georgia

Mass Communications

Dyanna Lynette Adams	Augusta, Georgia
Herbert Maurice Belle III	Stone Mountain, Georgia
Tanya Lynette Brown	Charleston, South Carolina
Renardus Antonio Glover	Savannah, Georgia
Shayla Nicole Grant	Savannah, Georgia
Tanika L. Hicks	Riverdale, Georgia
Princetta Felicia Jones	Savannah, Georgia

Aisha Z. Robinson College Park, Georgia

Music

Shirley Ann Phillips Savannah, Georgia

Recreation and Park Administration

Ramon Coriano Huff Savannah, Georgia

*Felicia Annjenise Kidd Savannah, Georgia

Charletha ReneÈ Micken Columbus, Georgia

*!Heather Lynn Smith Guyton, Georgia

History

Megan January McCray West Palm Beach, Florida

Harold Jeffrey Miller Jackson, Georgia

Criminal Justice

Adrian Braxton, Jr. Savannah, Georgia

*Jermaine DeMadrá Brooks Augusta, Georgia

*Jessica Denise Bryan Savannah, Georgia

*Chanel Brigetta Clemmons Memphis, Tennessee

LaJauii Anne Hopkins Lithonia, Georgia

Marilyn Surrency James Savannah, Georgia

Terrence Daron Jenkins Neeses, South Carolina

***Tamara Marie Jordan Mount Vernon, Georgia

Shanika Annecious Montford Brunswick, Georgia

Shantal Michelle Rouse Pinkney Savannah, Georgia

Latoya Latrail Riley Danbury, Connecticut

Tanzanika Kenya Williams Miami, Florida

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

!In Absentia

Political Science

!Jeanne Marie Baker	Savannah, Georgia
*Renorda Eullisa Herring	Acworth, Georgia
Patrick Kerwin Rountree	Savannah, Georgia

Sociology

Ajoke Adebamidele Adesanya	Savannah, Georgia
Marcie Denise Baker	Savannah, Georgia
*Tamika Marian Bolden	Savannah, Georgia
Stacy Arnette Cooper	Savannah, Georgia
**Elaine S. Douglas	Savannah, Georgia
*Ruben Joyner, Jr.	Camilla, Georgia
**Connie Michelle Lewis	Rincon, Georgia
*Sheldon Carl Pritchard	College Park, Georgia
Thomasina Roberta Riggins	Savannah, Georgia
Kendra Alexis Wearing	Hephzibah, Georgia
Lester Lec'k White	Savannah, Georgia
Tamika Yvette Williams	Doerun, Georgia

Social Work

*LoRita D. Jones-Greene	Savannah, Georgia
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COLLEGE OF SCIENCES AND TECHNOLOGY

Biology

*Nykeba Shadonna Braddy	Savannah, Georgia
Kima Nashellbee Brantley	Vidalia, Georgia
***Terry Charles Kobs	Savannah, Georgia
**Tawana Iesha McNair	Queens, New York
Shernitta Alicia Myles	Columbus, Georgia
William Michael Stovall	Kennesaw, Georgia
Yvette Denise Thomas	Savannah, Georgia
Elijah Lawrence Waife	Brooklyn, New York
Nathaniel Williams II	Savannah, Georgia
Tahirah Angela Williams	Lithonia, Georgia

***Summa Cum Laude **Magna Cum Laude *Cum Laude !In Absentia

Marine Science

**Muhammad Ali Ngoc Son Cochran Pelham, Georgia

Environmental Science

Micah Q. Fears Savannah, Georgia

Chemistry

Robin Sharee Beach Savannah, Georgia

**Akia Katara Stone Savannah, Georgia

Mathematics

*Akhnaton Natambu Pope Savannah, Georgia

Computer Science Technology

**Lauvesa M. Jones Macon, Georgia

**Mark Antonio West Carrollton, Georgia

Civil Engineering Technology

Prima DeLores Lewis Decatur, Georgia

Chemical Engineering Technology

Shawn Robert Parker Chicago, Illinois

Electronics Engineering Technology

Gary Cecil Carter II Augusta, Georgia

Raymond Edward Cole, Jr. Savannah, Georgia

Alvin Leonard Darien II Savannah, Georgia

***Summa Cum Laude

**Magna Cum Laude

*Cum Laude

!In Absentia

**Brandi Elizabeth Elmore	Savannah, Georgia
Cornelius Maurice English	Montrose, Georgia
DeAlmaro MontÈ Gilliam	LaGrange, Georgia
DeWayne Jarard Gilliard	Augusta, Georgia
*Sarah A. Massey	Macon, Georgia
Duc Minh Nguyen	Savannah, Georgia

Mechanical Engineering Technology

Brandon Gerard Crawford	Decatur, Georgia
Alonza Termaine Flood	Albany, Georgia
***Percy Xavier Skinner	Rincon, Georgia

NOTE: Appearance of names on any list in this program must not be considered as conclusive evidence of graduation. Persons who have met all requirements for a particular degree and whose names appear on the lists in this program will receive the degree indicated.

Honor Graduates

Summa Cum Laude

(3.75 - 4.00)

Givonna Cheeks Brown
Anthony David Hensley

Tamara Marie Jordan
Terry Charles Kobs
Percy Xavier Skinner

Magna Cum Laude

(3.40 - 3.74)

Muhammad Ali Ngoc Son Cochran
Elaine S. Douglas
Brandi Elizabeth Elmore
Richard Walter Griner

Lauvesa M. Jones
Connie Michelle Lewis
Tawana Iesha McNair
Akia Katara Stone
Mark Antonio West

Cum Laude

(3.00 - 3.39)

Tamika Marian Bolden
Nykeba Shadonna Braddy
Jessica Denise Bryan
Chanel Brigetta Clemmons
Stacy Arnette Cooper
Kerri Earlene Davis
Katy A. Gnann-Noble
Christina Gwiazdzinski
DaQuanis Jameel Harvey
Renorda Eullisa Herring

LoRita D. Jones-Greene
Sherri Hieter Jones
Ruben Joyner, Jr.
Sharon Thomas Kelsey
Felicia Annjenise Kidd
Sarah A. Massey
Wendell Levette Noble, Jr.
Akhnaton Natambu Pope
Sheldon Carl Pritchard
Heather Lynn Smith
Chrissy Rochelle Terry

The Significance of the Academic Mace

Observing the centuries-old convocation procedures, each Marshal in the Savannah State University Academic Procession carries an official mace which is indicative of the power, dignity, and magisterium vested in the University. The mace is a club-shaped staff that originated in the Middle Ages as a weapon. Eventually, it gained a ceremonial character and is presently employed most often by legislative forums and academic enterprises.

The official mace and stand of Savannah State University were designed and made from mahogany wood by Dr. Ernest S. Brown, Associate Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering Technology.

The University motto is "Lux Et Veritas" (Light and Truth).

Academic Costumes

Modern academic dress has evolved from a type of apparel prescribed by English Medieval Universities to distinguish their schools from the lay person in dress at a time when everybody wore robes or gowns. When American colleges and universities desired to adopt some suitable system of academic apparel a half century ago, it seemed best to agree on some definite system which all might follow. Accordingly, this attire has consisted of the cap, the gown, and the hood, the latter two now differing according to the degree the wearer has received.

The modern cap, in academic dress, has the same design for all degrees: black and square-shaped with a tassel hanging from the center. However, the color of the tassel usually differentiates the field of study for which the degree was granted, the gold tassel being worn by doctors or by presidents of colleges and universities; but it may be added that the black tassel is correct for all degrees.

The gown, unlike the cap, differs appreciably in design according to the degree conferred on the wearer. The gown for the bachelor's degree has pointed sleeves. It is designed to be worn closed. The gown for the master's degrees, worn open or closed, has an oblong sleeve, open at the wrist, like the others. The sleeve base hangs down in the traditional manner. The rear part of its oblong shape is square cut, and the front part has an arc cut away. The doctor's gown, worn open or closed, has long sleeves faced with velvet; three bars of velvet are midway the sleeves. The trimmings of the doctor's gown may be black or the color associated with the field of study.

The hood, while not an article of dress, is however, the most distinctive feature of the academic attire. It is a black, crow-shaped badge or adornment with an oval opening and worn down the back. It enables one to quickly determine not only the degree held by the wearer but also the college or university from which he is graduated. The colors lining the hood and the size and the shape of the hood make this distinction. The bachelor's and master's hoods are three feet and three and a half feet in length, respectively; the doctor's hood is four feet in length and is made with a wide panel. Hoods may be worn for only those degrees actually held by the wearers.

Members of the governing body of a college or university, and they only, whatever their degrees may be, are entitled to wear doctor's gowns (with black velvet), but their hoods may be only those of degrees actually held by the wearers or those especially prescribed for them by the institution.

In some colleges and universities, it is customary for the president, chancellor, or chief officer to wear a costume similar to that worn by the head of a foreign university.

The chief marshal may wear a specially designed costume approved by the institution.

For all academic purposes, including trimmings of doctor's gowns, edging of hoods, and tassels of caps, the color associated with different subjects as prescribed by the revised American Intercollegiate Code is as follows:

Arts, Letters, Humanities	White	Oratory (Speech)	Silver Gray
Business	Drab	Philosophy	Dark Blue
Economics	Copper	Physical Education	Sage Green
Education	Light Blue	Public Administration	Peacock Blue
Law	Purple	Science	Golden Yellow
Library Science	Lemon	Social Work	Citron
Music	Pink	Theology	Scarlet

At Savannah State University, the lining of the hood has an orange chevron on a blue background to represent school colors. A faculty member wears the color of his alma mater.

Notes

